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CARACAS FOR DEA

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: POSSIBLE RELEASE OF MAJOR NARCOTICS TRAFFICKER AND

FUGITIVE FROM AMERICAN JUSTICE

1. DEA HAS INFORMED THIS EMBASSY THT GUSTAVO TROCHE STEIPOVIC, A MAJOR BOLIVIAN TRAFFICKER IN COCAINE WHO ESCAPED FROM PRISON IN LEWISBURG, PA, IN 1973 WAS ARRESTED BY PANAMANIAN AUTHORITIES ON MARCH 4 TRAVELING WITH FALSE DOCUMENTS.

2. DURING A PREVIOUSR TRIP OUT OF BOLIVIA IN DECEMBER 1975 THE FBI CLAIMED CONTROL OF THIS CASE FROM DEA AND APPARENTLY PLANNED TO EXTRADITE HIME TO THE UNITED STATES IF HE COULD BE ARRESTED IN A COOPERATIVE COUNTRY. REQUEST DEPARTMENT QUERY FBI SOONEST ON ITS PLANS EXTRADITE HIM FROM PANAMA. IT OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT OTHERWISE PANAMANIAN AUTHORITIES WILL HAVE TO RELEASE HIM SOON.
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